

# FROM THE DEN

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St. Charles, Illinois

Strength Through Community

Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor

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**City Web Site:**  
[www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov)

**Community Web Site:**  
[www.st-charles.il.us](http://www.st-charles.il.us)

**City Hall Office Hours:**  
Monday – Friday  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Utility Billing and Building & Zoning Office Hours:**  
Monday  
8 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Tuesday – Friday  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



The City of St. Charles will host its 9th annual National Night Out Against Crime Community Picnic on August 1, 5 to 7:30 p.m., at Pottawatomie Park. If it rains, the event will be held August 2, same time and place.

National Night Out Against Crime Community Picnic is hosted to promote community-police partnerships, neighborhood unity, and a safer, more caring community. Volunteers from the City and businesses serve hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelons, chips, and assorted beverages to the first 2,000 attendees (one serving



per person to ensure everyone receives this free treat). Entertainment will include games, moonwalks, face painting, a game show-style crime quiz, and the band "1 Sam 10" featuring members of the Police and Fire Departments. Meet McGruff the crime fighting dog and his 30' tall balloon likeness. The Fire Department's ladder truck and latest fire fighting equipment will be there, and raffle prizes will be awarded.



## National Night Out Against Crime & Community Picnic

August 1 \* 5 p.m. \* Pottawatomie Park

Let's give crime a going away party! Contact Ofcr. Jeff Finley, (630) 377-4435/ [jfinley@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:jfinley@stcharlesil.gov), with questions or for more information.



## Noise Courtesy

Please keep in mind noise levels and courtesy to neighbors during summer months when backyard parties and open windows are common. Consider using power equipment (mowers, etc.) at times when neighbors are not having get-togethers or sleeping in. Push and electric mowers are great alternatives, as they cost little to operate and are quieter than gas models.

**City offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 4. Refuse collection will be delayed by one day this week.**

## Blood Drive

The City will sponsor a blood drive on August 2, 2:30 to 7 p.m. Heartland Blood Center's mobile donation unit will be parked on 1st Ave. and Main. Donors should bring a picture ID and register in City Hall. Please call Human Resources at (630) 377-4446 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome. Donors will receive a free quart of Oberweis ice cream. For more details on donating blood, visit [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org) or call 800-786-4483.




# Brush Pickup

Brush pickup (branches 3' long and less than 12" in diameter) is available for residents who pay an additional monthly fee on their utility bill (please review


2006 Brush Collection	
East Side	West Side
Aug. 7	Aug. 14
Aug. 21	Aug. 28
Sept. 5	Sept. 11
Sept. 18	Sept. 25
Oct. 2	Oct. 9
Oct. 16	Oct. 23
No Collection Oct. 30	
Nov. 6	Nov. 13


your bill or call Utility Billing at 377-4426 to confirm eligibility; businesses are not eligible). Brush must conform with the following requirements:


 Pile brush on the **parkway** (not in the street), with the cut end facing the street, before 7 a.m. on the designated Mon. (see table for dates). Once the crew passes an area, they will not come back until the next scheduled pickup date.


 Do not bundle brush with twine.

 Pile brush no higher than 4'.

 Please do not place metal, lumber, grass, leaves, dirt, roots or poison ivy/oak in the pile.

 Branches larger than 12" in diameter and 12' long will need to be split or cut prior to collection.

 Twigs, trimmings and leaves should be placed in paper yardwaste bags (purchase bags with the City logo on them or use generic bags and place one refuse sticker on each bag) and left for collection on the normal refuse pickup day.

 Free mulch is available at the City's facility on Rte. 38/Lincoln Hwy., west of Peck Road Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat. 7-11 a.m. Please bring a shovel and containers. The City cannot deliver or load mulch.

## 2006 Leaf Collection

The 2006 residential Leaf Collection Program will begin October 23. Please watch for the special insert in the Oct/Nov issue of From the Den City newsletter for a complete schedule of the pickups by area. Visit [www.stcharlesil.gov/news](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/news) or call Public Works at (630) 377-4405 for the schedule or more information.

## Refuse News

Effective July 1, 2006, the City's residential refuse and recycling service provider began operating under a new name, Veolia Environmental Services. The name change does not indicate a change in ownership but is a rebranding effort to integrate the name of the parent company, Veolia Environmental.

Also, as per the City's contract with Onyx/Veolia Environmental Services, the


following price schedule became effective as of July 1, 2006:


Single Family Service	
Stickers	\$2.12 ea.
Bags	\$2.19 ea.
1/2 Size Bags	\$1.09 Ea.
Yardwaste Bags	\$1.97 ea.
60 Gal. Toter	\$13.80/mo.
90 Gal. Toter	\$17.92/Mo.
Multi-Family Service	
1 Pickup/Week	\$5.13/mo.


Please contact Cliff White, (630) 377-4918, [cwhite@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:cwhite@stcharlesil.gov) for details.




Late summer can be a stressful time for trees. Following are a few things to help trees through summer months:

 Make sure the tree has sufficient water once a week.

 Mulch should not be higher than the base of the tree.

 Avoid planting any plants around the base of the tree, as they have different water needs than the tree.

 If any of the trees in your parkway need pruning or other care, please call the Public Works Department at (630) 377-4405 to remedy the situation.

As you may know, the Emerald Ash Borer has been sighted in Kane County. The health of any Ash trees should be closely monitored. The Emerald Ash Borer will only attack Ash trees. One of the first signs of infection is dead or dying branches at the top. Ash owners should also look for D-shaped exit holes about 1/8" in diameter. In order to restrict the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer, please do not purchase any suspect firewood, especially if it is from a source known to have the borer in the area. Also, make sure to use up all the wood in the winter so that no hidden emerald ash borer larvae or adults can survive on logs left through the spring.

The City's tree program is designed to diversify trees planted along the parkway to avoid the loss of large numbers of the same type of tree in case of a blight.

# 2006 50/50 Parkway Tree Program

## Order Form

☐ "Brandywine" \$80 - height: 20', spacing: 20' - Green leaves tinged red; fragrant rose flowers; yellow fruit.

☐ Autumn Blaze Maple \$90 height: 65' - Green foliage with a red cast in summer, yellow with a red margin in fall.

☐ 'Greenspire Linden' \$80 height: 40', spacing: 35' - Light green leaves with showy yellow fall color.

☐ Skyline Locust \$90 height: 45' - Adaptable to urban conditions; pyramidal with ascending branches.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Order Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: AM \_\_\_\_\_ PM \_\_\_\_\_



## Helping Trees

The City's tree program plants a number of trees around the city each spring and fall. We are asking for everyone's help in caring for these new trees. Please consider helping us keep them watered throughout the summer to ensure the trees flourish and benefit your neighborhoods for years to come. Contact Ben Deutsch, (630) 377-4459/bdeutsch@stcharlesil.gov, with questions or for more information.

The City is again offering trees for planting in the parkways through its "50/50 Parkway Tree Planting Program." The City's tree consultant will plant the trees in late October/early November. Trees average 2" in diameter and are delivered bare root. Residents who order a tree will receive a letter informing them how to care for their new tree. Each tree is covered by a one-year warranty (call 762-6938 if the tree dies or looks unhealthy). Orders may be mailed or delivered using the order blank, along with a check or money order payable to the City of St. Charles, sent to the Utility Billing Office, 2 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174. Orders will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Sept. 15. Please contact Ben Deutsch at (630) 377-4459 or bdeutsch@stcharlesil.gov with questions.

## Water Conservation Through August 31

The Water Conservation Code is in effect through August 31. Even numbered addresses may use lawn sprinklers on even numbered days, and odd numbered addresses may sprinkle on odd numbered days. Hours for sprinkling are 12 to 9 a.m. and 6 to 10 p.m. Sprinkling is prohibited at all other times. For more information or a watering permit for sod or newly seeded lawns, please contact Cliff White at (630) 377-4918/cwhite@stcharlesil.gov.

a guarantee to replace ruined equipment if the unit fails, and includes a phone or cable jack to protect phones and modems. Contact the St. Charles Electric Utility at (630) 377-4407 for more information on surge suppressors and ways to protect electronic equipment.

## City Auction

The 2006 City Auction will be held October 21 at the Public Works garage (entrances off Rte. 25/Riverside Ave. and 7th Ave.). The auction will begin at 9 a.m.; viewing will begin at 8 a.m. A listing of auction items and photos will be posted online at [www.stcharlesil.gov/fi](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/fi) closer to the event. Please call (630) 762-7070 or email [krhodes@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:krhodes@stcharlesil.gov) for information.

## This Old Dorm

Many students are getting ready for college and moving into dorms for the new school year. Make sure to purchase a surge protector for laptops, televisions, stereos and other expensive electronic equipment. Outdated wiring in older dormitories can get overwrought by the influx of state-of-the-art computer and entertainment equipment. A good surge suppressor can help protect sensitive electronic equipment from faulty wiring, lightning strikes or power surges. Be sure to purchase a surge protector and not just a power strip. Choose a surge protector that covers lightning strikes, comes with

## CERT

The Emergency Management Agency is looking for residents and businesses interested in forming Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). CERT training teaches basic disaster response and skills for citizens after a disaster strikes. Contact EMA at (630) 377-4416 for more information.

## Langum Woods Restoration

The City Tree Commission's Langum Woods restoration project needs your help! Workdays are scheduled for the last Saturday of each month. Volunteers cut, clear, and work towards the wood's restoration. Please call Public Works at (630) 377-4405 to find out how you can work on a very good project for our city!



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**St. Charles Municipal Center**  
**2 E. Main Street, St. Charles, IL 60174**  
**(630) 377-4400**

### Billing - Electric/Water/Sewer

Turn Ons & Turn Offs .....377-4426  
Building & Zoning .....377-4406  
City Admin./Clerk .....377-4422  
Electric Division .....377-4407

### Electric/Water/Sewer Emergency

**after 4:30 p.m. and weekends....443-3681**  
**Emergency ..... 911**  
Engineering .....377-4486  
Emergency Management Agency .....377-4416  
Flood Prot. Assist. and Map Eng. ....377-4486  
Finance/Accounting .....762-7002  
Fire Administration .....377-4458  
Fire Prevention Bureau .....377-4457  
Human Resources .....377-4446  
Mayor's Office .....377-4445  
City Newsletter .....377-4917  
Police Admin./Invest./Crime Prev.....377-4435  
Public Works-Water/Sewer/Street.....377-4405  
Community Development .....377-4443  
Economic Development .....443-4093  
Refuse Pickup Info. (Onyx) .....587-8282  
TDD .....800-526-0844

### Community Numbers

Animal Control .....232-3555  
Chamber of Commerce .....584-8384  
Heritage Center .....584-6967  
Visitors Bureau.....377-6161  
Downtown St. Charles Partnership .....513-5386

### MEETING SCHEDULE

Meeting	Aug.	Sept.
<b>CITY COUNCIL</b>	7 & 21	5 & 18
<b>PLAN COMMISSION</b> review & hold public hearings for rezoning, special use & new developments	8 & 22	5 & 19
<b>PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b> zoning, annexation, boundary lines, downtown, comprehensive plan, code enforcement	14	11
<b>GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**</b> budget, personnel, insurance, economic development, administration	7 & 21	5 & 18
<b>GOVERNMENT SERVICES</b> utilities, city property, streets, sidewalks, sewers, water, parking lots, stormwater	28	25
<b>HISTORIC PRESERVATION</b> review facade impr. & bldg. permits for exterior work within historic dist.	2 & 16	6 & 20
<b>TREE COMMISSION</b> manage city owned trees (trimming, Tree City USA, disease & pestilence, etc.)	9	13
<b>YOUTH COMMISSION*</b> direct services & grants to support the welfare of the City's youth	N/A	11
<b>CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION</b> aesthetic improvements to City's corridors	3	7
<b>HOUSING COMMISSION</b> preserve affordable homes, address housing issues/needs, promote awareness	8	12

*All meetings start at 7 p.m. unless noted:*

*\*Starts at 6 p.m.      \*\* Starts at 7:05 p.m. or immediately after the City Council meeting.*

*Please call the Mayor's Office at (630) 377-4445 to confirm a meeting, or log on to [www.stcharlesil.gov/](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/) meetings for meeting schedule, agendas and minutes.*



## What's on your mind?

Your advice, suggestions and questions are valued and encouraged by the Mayor and City Council. To assure a response, please include your name and address below. Mail to: City Administrator's Office, 2 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174, or email to: [CAO@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:CAO@stcharlesil.gov).

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